



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 4.3  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 13% very short, 30% short, 43% adequate, and 14% surplus

### Field Crops Report

Rainfall was received throughout the state last week, limiting most field work. Soil moisture was slowly being replenished, and most crops were showing improvement due to rain. Rainfall delayed rice and grain sorghum harvest. Minor lodging was reported in some rice fields. Wet weather forced some soybean producers to rely on planes to spray fungicides on beans. Sugarcane producers continued preparing fallow land for planting.

### Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops

Vegetable producers were busy harvesting tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers and melons. Peach harvest was near completion.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Cattlemen were cutting hay as weather permitted. Cattlemen were also fertilizing pastures.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2010	5 YR AVG
Corn	Mature	84	73	81	75
	Harvested	18	13	19	8
Cotton	Setting Bolls	96	92	92	93
	Bolls Opening	20	11	5	2
Hay	Second Cutting	67	61	78	68
Peaches	Harvested	91	83	79	89
Rice	Headed	86	76	94	87
	Ripe	23	13	24	28
	Harvested	4	2	4	8
Sorghum	Coloring	85	72	92	80
	Mature	34	20	34	22
	Harvested	5	1	0	5
Soybeans	Blooming	95	91	95	94
	Setting Pods	86	79	84	83
	Turning Color	12	7	18	14

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Cotton	1	23	32	34	10
Corn	14	17	31	35	3
Sorghum	10	27	37	26	0
Soybeans	4	11	26	52	7
Rice	2	4	23	48	23
Sugarcane	9	15	30	36	10
Livestock	2	11	42	42	3
Vegetables	12	20	41	25	2
Sweet Potatoes	4	5	18	73	0
Pasture	10	24	41	23	2

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 07/25/11 TO 07/31/11

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	WEEKLY TOTAL	FOUR WEEKS	YR. TO DATE	NORM
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	102	76	88	83	0.00	0.34	16.93	31.76
Minden	100	75	87	82	0.41	2.02	20.00	34.41
Mooringsport	(108)	76	89	MM	0.23	1.15	19.21	28.10
Shreveport South	105	75	87	MM	0.49	1.42	17.06	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	108	75	88	83	0.28	1.23	MM.MM	32.46
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	96	73	83	83	1.25	4.97	26.03	34.70
Homer/Hill Farm	100	73	85	82	1.18	2.57	20.42	34.40
Bienville 3 NE	96	73	84	82	1.10	3.11	24.97	37.90
Farmerville	96	71	84	MM	3.01	4.57	22.46	MM.MM
Extreme/Average	100	71	84	83	1.22	3.77	MM.MM	35.42
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	97	74	85	83	0.30	0.81	27.24	37.68
LSU-St Joseph	96	74	84	83	1.65	4.19	30.67	36.04
LSU-Winnsboro	98	73	84	83	5.10	6.34	31.48	35.73
Tallulah	95	72	84	82	1.64	3.54	29.88	37.37
Extreme/Average	98	72	84	83	2.35	4.94	MM.MM	36.65
4. West-Central								
Leesville	100	70	84	82	2.47	3.22	18.42	34.80
Many 9 WSW	MM	MM	MM	MM	1.03	2.57	21.14	33.46
Ashland	98	72	85	82	0.01	0.54	20.07	34.30
Hodges Gardens	98	72	83	MM	0.40	1.44	18.38	34.49
Extreme/Average	100	70	84	83	0.96	2.33	18.42	34.30
5. Central								
Alexandria	98	75	84	84	0.35	0.96	20.79	36.12
Jonesville Locks	92	75	81	83	1.70	5.86	23.70	36.32
Eunice	97	74	82	84	3.56	4.66	20.90	35.47
Bunkie	95	74	82	83	1.41	3.87	20.65	37.81
New Roads 5 NE	95	74	83	82	2.51	8.83	26.91	36.90
Extreme/Average	98	74	83	83	1.77	3.16	20.78	36.73
6. East-Central								
Norwood	MM	MM	MM	MM	2.34	7.55	29.58	MM.MM
BTR-Concord	MM	MM	MM	MM	6.43	10.98	32.83	40.22
LSU-Hammond	95	72	80	82	4.10	6.98	26.65	39.16
Slidell	92	73	80	82	5.44	12.85	27.72	38.73
Extreme/Average	95	72	80	82	4.77	9.92	27.19	39.96
7. Southwest								
DeRidder	99	69	83	83	0.20	1.81	19.59	36.49
Jennings	94	73	82	82	2.96	6.41	24.00	35.30
LSU-Crowley	94	73	81	83	1.83	8.78	25.86	36.03
Oberlin Fire Tow	96	73	82	83	2.19	4.26	20.49	40.00
Extreme/Average	99	69	82	83	1.80	5.32	22.25	36.01
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	94	72	81	82	1.62	5.72	23.74	37.28
LSU-Jeanerette	92	73	80	82	2.53	8.10	21.55	37.14
Morgan City	93	70	81	82	2.95	11.67	24.19	37.91
Lafayette	93	75	82	83	5.29	13.46	32.79	36.77
Extreme/Average	94	70	81	83	2.29	8.70	23.97	37.65
9. Southeast								
Grand Isle	94	(64)	81	MM	2.75	10.48	19.80	33.33
Galliano	91	74	82	82	3.94	11.84	30.73	39.66
NO Audubon Park	96	76	84	84	3.58	7.65	20.43	38.78
Gonzales	MM	MM	MM	MM	3.36	11.70	29.04	39.46
Extreme/Average	96	64	83	83	3.42	11.16	19.80	38.90
State Averages	108	64	83	83	2.14	5.64	21.94	37.26

M = Missing                    ( ) = Extremes                    Yr. To Date = Through July 31, 2011

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